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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION: FM MALIK, INDONESIA:

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1. PARTICIPANTS: INDONESIA: FM MALIK

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2. SUMMARY: MALIK REQUESTED THE SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON

CAMBODIAN AND MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS, RELAYED REQUEST FROM PRESIDENT SUHARTO FOR CONTINUED PL-480 ASSISTANCE. THE SECRETARY SAID WE CONTINUE TO SEEK AN INDEPENDENT, NEUTRAL CAMBODIA AND WELCOME ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT THE US IS NOT IN FOREFRONT OF NEGOTIATIONS, SECRETARY EMPHASIZED HE IS NOT GOING TO PEKING TO RESOLVE CAMBODIAN PROBLEM. MALIK AGREED IT IS IMPORTANT TO AVOID ACTIONS THAT GIVE SUPPORT TO SIHANOUK. IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE SECRETARY SAID THERE IS NEED FOR CONFIDENCE SO THAT NEGOTIATIONS CAN BEGIN. MALIK SAID HE WOULD URGE ARAB STATES SHOW NECESSARY CONFIDENCE IN US AND MAKE HONEST EFFORT FOR PEACE. ON PL-480, MALIK WAS INFORMED WE FACE HEAVY PRESSURE ON OUR SUPPLIES, ALLOCATIONS STILL UNDER STUDY, AND DECISIONS EXPECTED SHORTLY. END SUMMARY.

3. CAMBODIA. NOTING PROBLEM OF BOMBING HALT AND OTHER DIFFICULTIES WITH CONGRESS, THE SECRETARY SAID THERE IS NEVERTHELESS THE PROSPECT OF A MILITARY BALANCE NOW. WE CONTINUE SEEK AN INDEPENDENT, NEUTRAL CAMBODIA AND WELCOME ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES. WE HOPE FOR SOLUTION ALONG LINES OF VIET-NAM AND LAOS, BUT WE WILL NOT BE PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATOR. SECRETARY EMPHASIZED IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO SUPPORT SIHANOUK UNLESS HE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE OBJECTIVE OF AN INDEPENDENT, NEUTRAL CAMBODIA. HE ALSO UNDERLINED FACT HE IS NOT GOING TO PEKING TO DEAL WITH CAMBODIAN PROBLEM. HE HAS NO INTENTION OF SEEING SIHANOUK IN PEKING.

4. MALIK SAID GOI DOES NOT WANT TO BRING SIHANOUK INTO PICTURE, BUT RATHER GOI HOPES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR GKR TO ACHIEVE NECESSARY MILITARY BALANCE. TO THIS END, GOI HAS GIVEN PHNOM PENH FULL BENEFIT OF INDONESIAN EXPERIENCE BUT CANNOT OFFER DIRECT MILITARY ASSISTANCE. NOTING SECRETARY'S ASSERTION THAT HIS PEKING TALKS WILL NOT FOCUS ON CAMBODIA, MALIK SAID HE WOULD SO INFORM INDONESIAN FRIENDS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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5. PL-480. MALIK SAID HE HAD MESSAGE FROM SUHARTO URGING THAT US CONTINUE SUPPLY NEEDED PL-480 COMMODITIES, PARTICULARLY RICE. SECRETARY NOTED THAT DESPITE HIGH PRIORITY WE ATTACH TO INDONESIA, WE FACE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN FINDING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES. WE HOPE TO HAVE FINAL DECISION ON PL-480 ALLOCATIONS WITHIN SHORT TIME. MALIK URGED THAT IF PL-480 PROGRAM IS TO BE CUT OR ELIMINATED, USG GIVE INDONESIA ADEQUATE FOREWARNING.

6. MIDDLE EAST. SECRETARY NOTED THAT SECRET DIPLOMACY IS ESSENTIAL IN REACHING MIDDLE EAST SOLUTION, ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT US MUST HAVE COOPERATION FROM ARAB STATES. USG CANNOT PLAY A USEFUL ROLE UNLESS ARAB STATES SHOW SOME CONFIDENCE

IN OUR INTENTIONS. IF OTHER PARTIES ARE WILLING TO DEAL RESPONSIBLY, WE WILL MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT, AND INITIAL STEPS CAN BEGIN. NO PACKAGE SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE NOW. SECRETARY AGREED WITH MALIK'S OBSERVATION THAT ISRAEL MUST HAVE THE COURAGE TO TAKE AN INITIATIVE. MALIK SAID HE WOULD URGE ARAB STATES TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN US AND MAKE HONEST EFFORT WITH US. KISSINGER

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